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Highlights

1.0 Neutralize the Insurgents

- Iraq and Coalition forces continue operations to neutralize the insurgents.

2.0 Ensure the Continuation of Support for Iraq's Electoral Process through 2005

- Provisional election results were announced. In the election for the Transitional National Assembly, the United Iraqi Alliance captured 48 percent, the Kurdish Alliance 26 percent, and PM Allawi's Iraqi List 14 percent.
- Results will be certified in the next few days. Official turnout was 58 percent – 8,456,266 Iraqis voted. Ongoing political bargaining will lead to the announcement of the new government within a short period of time.

3.0 Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services

- Electricity load served February 7 – 13 hovered at 88,600 MWh. Hours of available power averaged 11 hours in Baghdad. Peak demand remains very high (~8,000 MW).
- Work is nearly 60 percent complete on a project to extensively repair the sewage collection system of a central district of Baghdad. Work is scheduled to be completed in June 2005 and will improve service for about 1.5 million residents.



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4.0 Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy

- Advisers from USAID's Private Sector Development II program (PSD II) are continuing activities to promote trade and open markets in Iraq. Activities include restructuring of state-owned enterprises; investment promotion; trade policy and market access.

• 5.0 Establish Good Governance, Rule of Law

- The Iraqi Special Tribunal (IST) Rules of Procedural Evidence were formally passed by the Court this week. English translations of these rules soon will be available.

• 6.0 Maintain International Engagement and Support

- UN Secretary General Kofi Annan congratulated Iraqis on a successful election, saying they "reflect not only the courage and determination of the Iraqi people, but also their commitment to the political transition process that their country is undergoing." The UN Security Council issued a Presidential Statement also congratulating the Iraqi people.



[1.0] Neutralize the Insurgents – Iraqi Security Forces Update

Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	57,336
HIGHWAY PATROL	
OTHER MOI FORCES	21,703
TOTAL	79,039*

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	56,589
AIR FORCE	186
NAVY	528
TOTAL	57,303**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

136,342

* Ministry of Interior Forces: Unauthorized absences personnel are included in these numbers

** Ministry of Defense Forces: Unauthorized absences personnel are not included in these numbers



[2.0] Ensure the Continuation of Support for Iraq's Electoral Process through 2005 – **Developments**

Election Outcomes:

- Provisional election results for the Transitional National Assembly (TNA) were announced; they should be certified and TNA seat distribution announced soon. In the election for the Transitional National Assembly, the United Iraqi Alliance captured 48 percent, the Kurdish Alliance 26 percent, and PM Allawi's Iraqi List 14 percent.
- Overall turnout was 58 percent (8,456,266 Iraqis voted).
- Five percent of the vote went to nine other parties; Iraqi Interim President Sheikh Ghazi's "Iraqis" list will also have a small number of seats.

TNA List	Votes	% of Overall Votes
United Iraq Alliance	4,075,295	48%
Kurdistan Alliance List	2,175,551	26%
Iraqi List	1,168,943	14%
Iraqis	150,680	2%
Tukman Iraq Front	93,480	1%



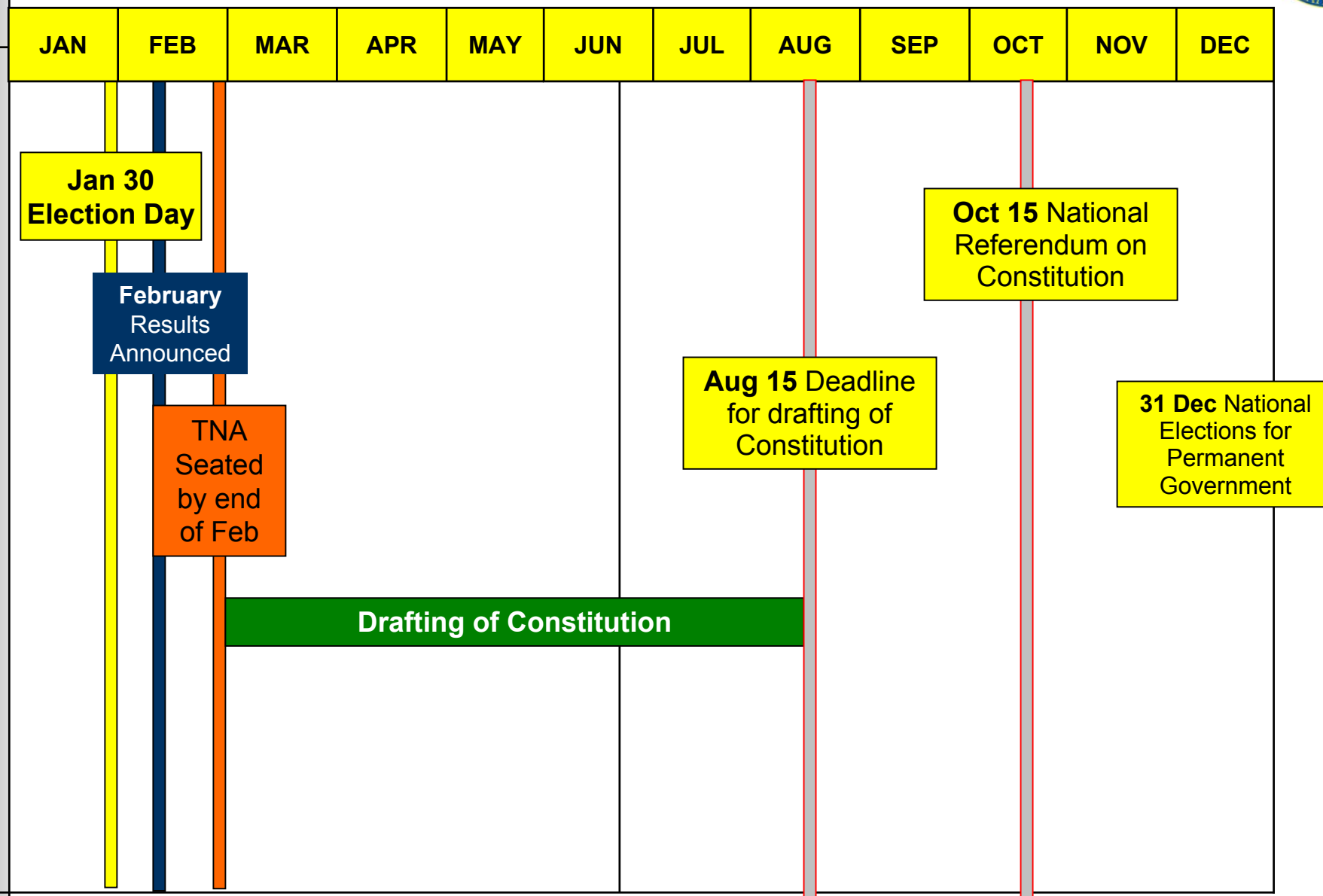
[2.0] Ensure the Continuation of Support for Iraq's Electoral Process through 2005 – **Developments**

Transitional National Assembly (TNA):

- Once announced, the TNA will:
 - Serve as Iraq's national legislature until the election of a new government under a permanent constitution.
 - Approve a Presidency Council, consisting of a president and two deputy presidents, by a two-third vote. The Presidency Council will then appoint a prime minister. The Prime Minister and his Council of Ministers must receive a vote of confidence in the Assembly by a simple majority.
 - According to the Transitional Administrative Law, the TNA will draft Iraq's new Constitution by August 15, 2005; this will be presented to the Iraqi people for their approval in a national referendum by October 15, 2005.
 - If it is approved, an election for a permanent Iraqi government under that new Constitution will occur by the end of 2005.



[2.0] Ensure the Continuation of Support for Iraq's Electoral Process through 2005 – **Electoral Process Timeline**

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[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services – **Economy**

Oil Update:

- Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending February 11 closed with Kirkuk Crude at \$35.58/barrel, Basra Light at \$35.98/barrel, and the OPEC basket at \$40.33/barrel.

Employment Update:

- Number of Iraqis employed by USG-administered projects in each sector

Employing Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% Change on Week
PCO (Project and Contracting Office)	17,521	18,898	7.9%
USAID	53,613	56,922	6.2%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	5,497	5,352	-2.6%
MILCON (Military Construction)	534	734	37.5%
*CERP (Commanders' Emergency Response Program)	33,671	33,671	0.0%
MNSTC-I	4,035	4,035	0.0%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	13,379	13,229	-1.1%
GRAND TOTAL	128,250	132,841	3.6%

*CERP numbers are from the latest GRD Sitrep

Data as of 16 February 2005



[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services – **Health Care and Food Security**

Health Care:

- As of February 15, there were 82 primary health care centers under construction and 19 hospitals under renovation.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) conducted a review of a HIV/AIDS project proposal for Iraq. One of the main issues included is a review of the national strategic plan for HIV/AIDS. WHO will support the process towards the finalization of a full HIV/AIDS strategy, including the situation and response analysis, drafting the strategic plan, and resource mobilization.

Public Distribution System (PDS):

- For the month of January, the Public Distribution System met 100 percent of the monthly requirement for wheat and 59 percent for rice. For February, Iraq is projected to receive 100 percent of the monthly requirement for wheat and 81 percent of the requirement for rice, which is contingent upon on-time arrivals and distribution.



[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services—Education

Education:

- Ten schools in Baghdad were completely rehabilitated by UNICEF and implementing partners and handed over to Directorates of Education. Work will soon begin on the rehabilitation of seven schools. The rehabilitation of 74 schools is in progress and new contracts have been approved for an additional 10 schools.
- More than 8,500 books in dozens of disciplines have been delivered to five Iraqi universities through a “Books Beyond Borders” initiative that is a part of the al-Sharaka partnership with the University of Oklahoma, funded by USAID’s Higher Education and Development (HEAD) program.
- Volume III (School Atlas) of the national school survey report is currently being prepared. The Ministry of Education is drafting the Atlas outline, and delegates from the Geographic Information System (GIS) section in MoE will come to Amman to work with the UNICEF team to finalize the design of the Atlas, to be released in March.



[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services – **Water and Sanitation and Telecommunications**

Water and Sanitation:

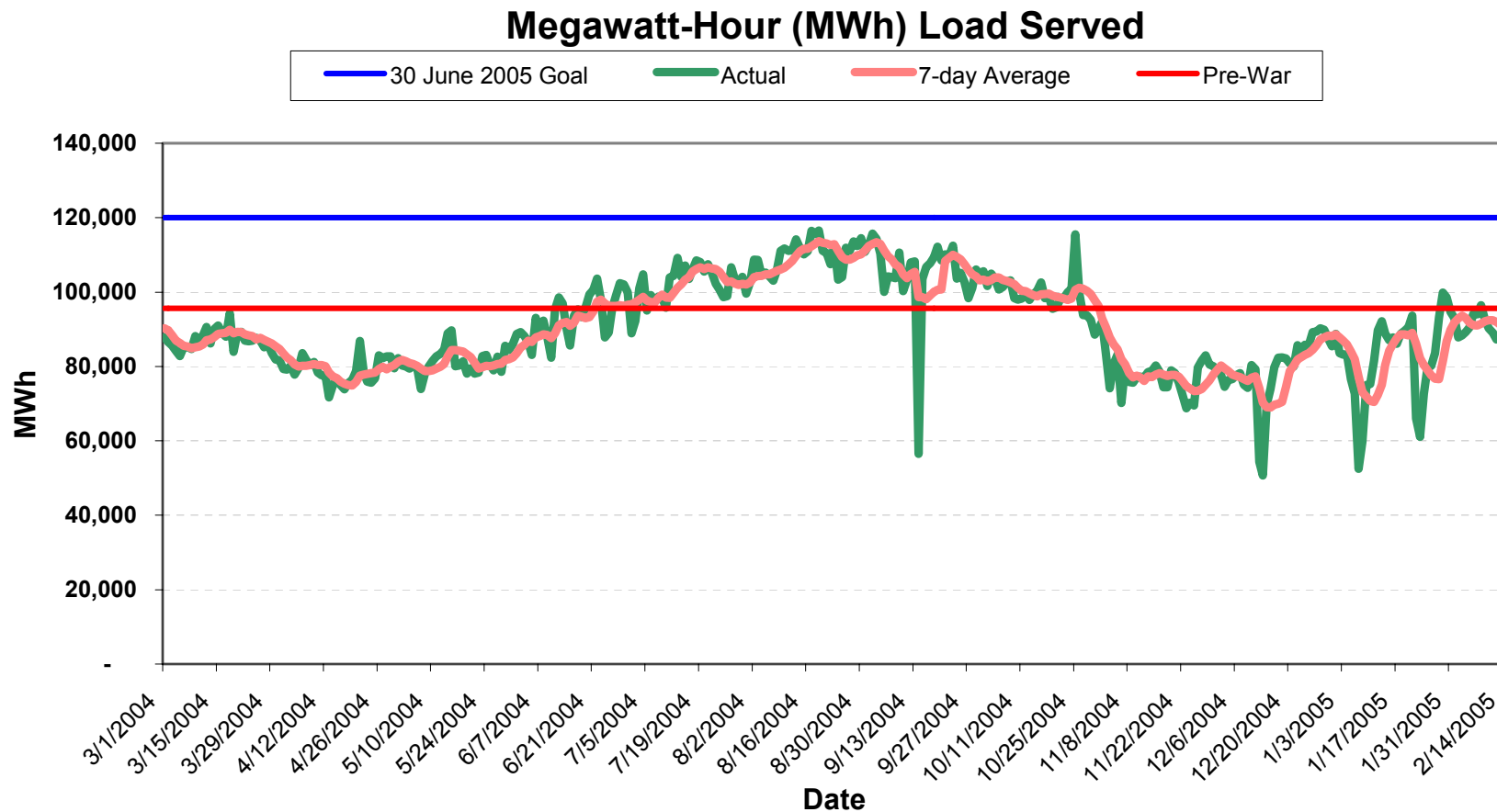
- Final inspections began last week on USAID's project to restore a Najaf water treatment plant, and all work at the site is scheduled to be substantially complete in February. The water treatment plant is the main supplier of potable water to the 563,000 residents of Najaf.
- Work is nearly 60 percent complete on a project to extensively repair the sewage collection system of a central district of Baghdad. Work is scheduled to be completed in June 2005 and will improve service for about 1.5 million residents.

Telecommunications:

- The Advanced First Responders Network (AFRN) has programmed and distributed over 1,700 user radio sets by the First Cavalry Division to policemen at Iraqi Police Stations. Installation of the AFRN infrastructure in Baghdad continues.
- The number of telephone landline subscribers throughout Iraq is 982,561, and the number of cell phone subscribers is 1,586,549. This combined total of 2,569,110 is 208 percent greater than the number of active landline subscribers before the war. Prior to the war, cell phone service was nearly non-existent outside Kurdistan.



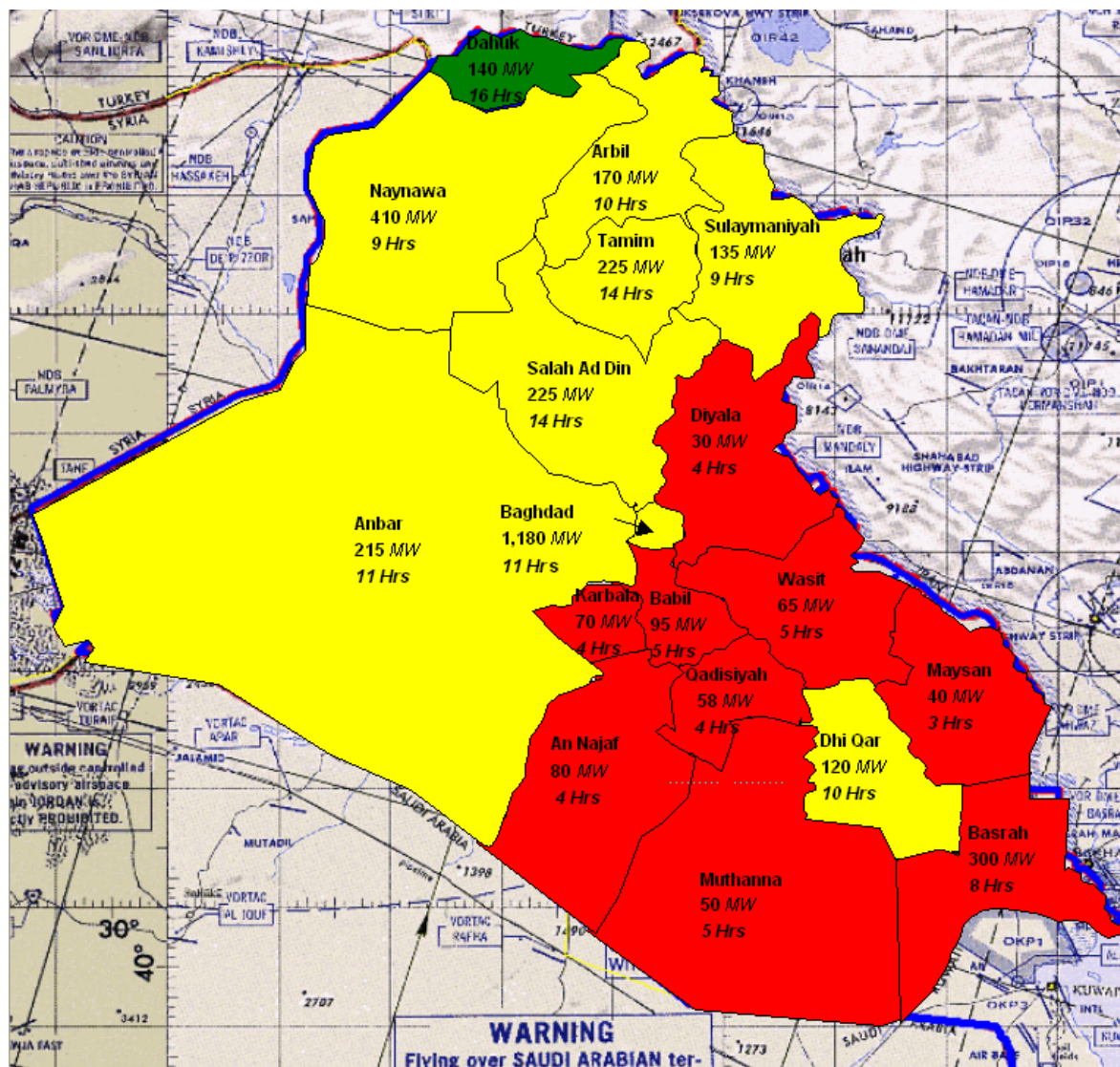
[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services – Electricity Overview



- Electricity load served in the last week (February 7-13) hovered below estimated pre-war levels at 88,600 MWh. Hours of available power averaged 11 hours in Baghdad.
- Peak demand remains very high (~8,000 MW).
- Unplanned and planned outages continue to be relatively low. At the end of the week, there were 804 MW and 805 MW, respectively.



[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services – Hours of Power



Average hours of Electrical Service provided over a 7 Day Period

≤ 8 Hrs = Red	
9 to 15 Hrs = Amber	
≥ 16 Hrs = Green	
No Report = White	

Percent Change in MW over a 7 Day Period

Baghdad	10
Dahuk	23
Naynawa	-22
Tamim	-15
Salah Ad Din	-10
Anbar	8
Diyala	-14
Babil	6
Karbala	FLAT
Najaf	FLAT
Qadisiyah	28
Wasit	-15
Muthanna	19
Dhi Qar	-2
Maysan	-7
Basrah	6
Arbil	37
Sulaymaniyah	-1

Average Hours of Power all over the Country is about 8 Hours per Day

Average Electrical Power Distribution per Governorate for the period 3 - 9 FEB 2005



[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy

USAID's Private Sector Development II (PSD II) Program:

- USAID's Private Sector Development II (PSD II) program coordinates with Iraqi government officials and private sector representatives to develop the private sector.
 - Activities include restructuring of state-owned enterprises; investment promotion; trade policy and market access; development of business management skills; capital markets development; and expanding opportunities for micro, small, and medium enterprises.



[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy

Iraq Currency Exchange:

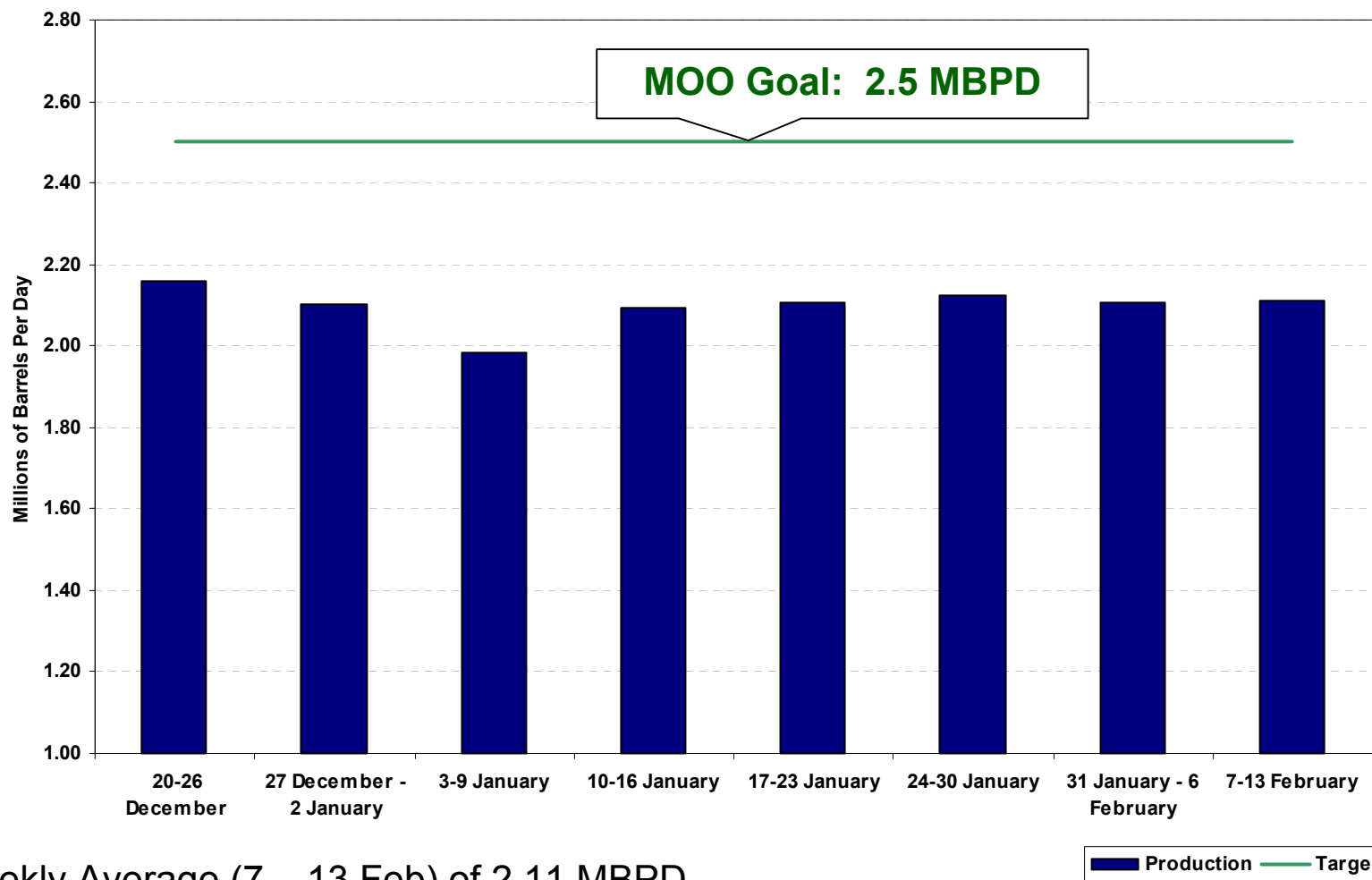
- At the New Iraqi Dinar (NID) auction on February 15, the settlement price was 1,460 dinars per USD with a total of 16 banks trading. The following table shows the purchase value of the top five banks:

Bank Name	Quantity Sold (in thousands of dollars)	Percentage of Total Auction
Agriculture Bank	3,625	21.02%
Al-Warkaa Bank	3,000	17.40%
United Bank	3,000	17.40%
Islamic Bank	1,550	8.99%
Iraq Bank	1,360	7.89%
Total	12,535	72.69%

- The currency exchange rate has remained steady between NID 1440 - 1465/ \$1 since June 2004.



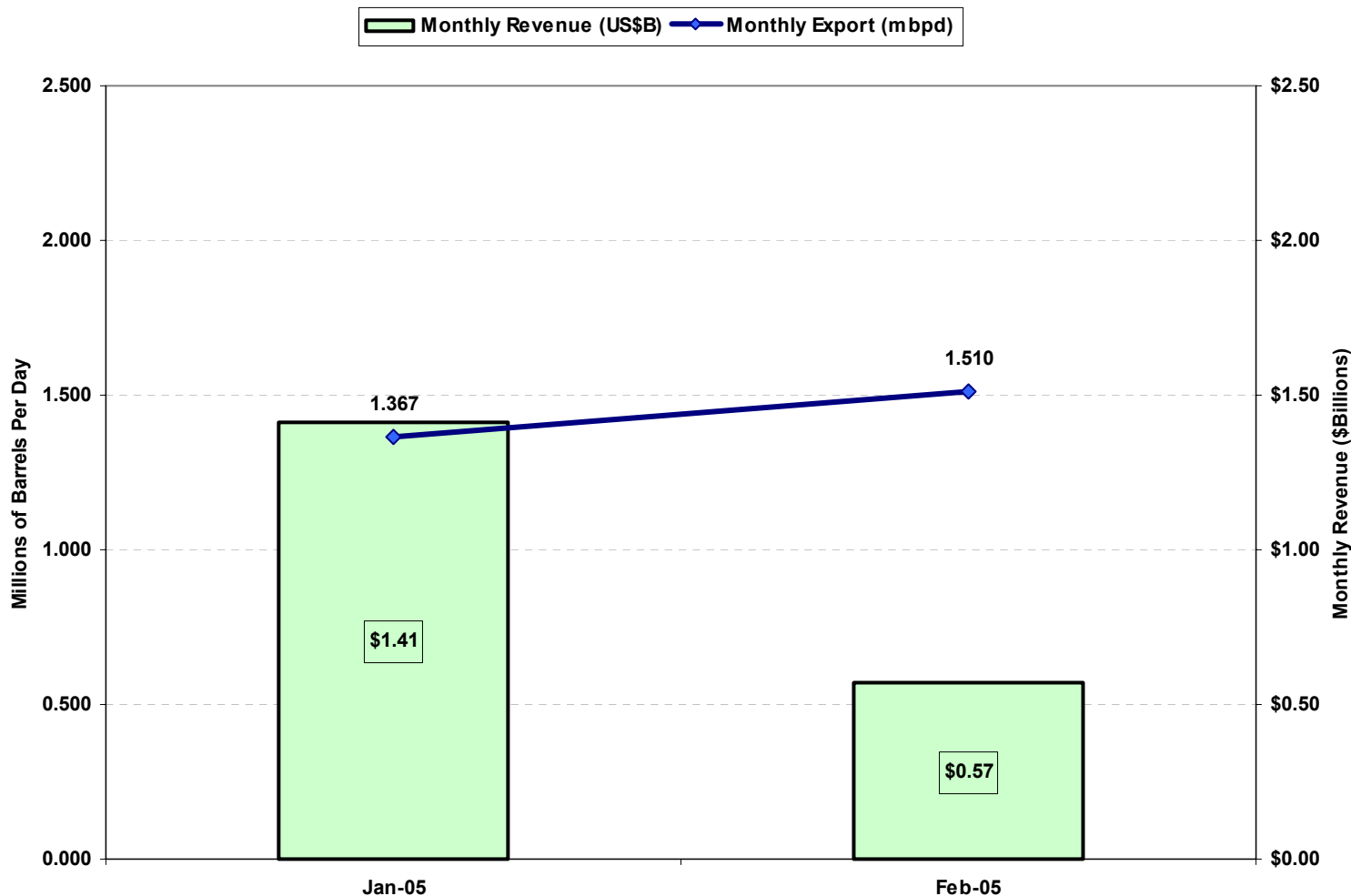
[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy – Crude Oil Production



- Weekly Average (7 – 13 Feb) of 2.11 MBPD
- Pre-War Peak: 2.5 MBPD in Mar 03
- Post-War Peak: 2.67 MBPD



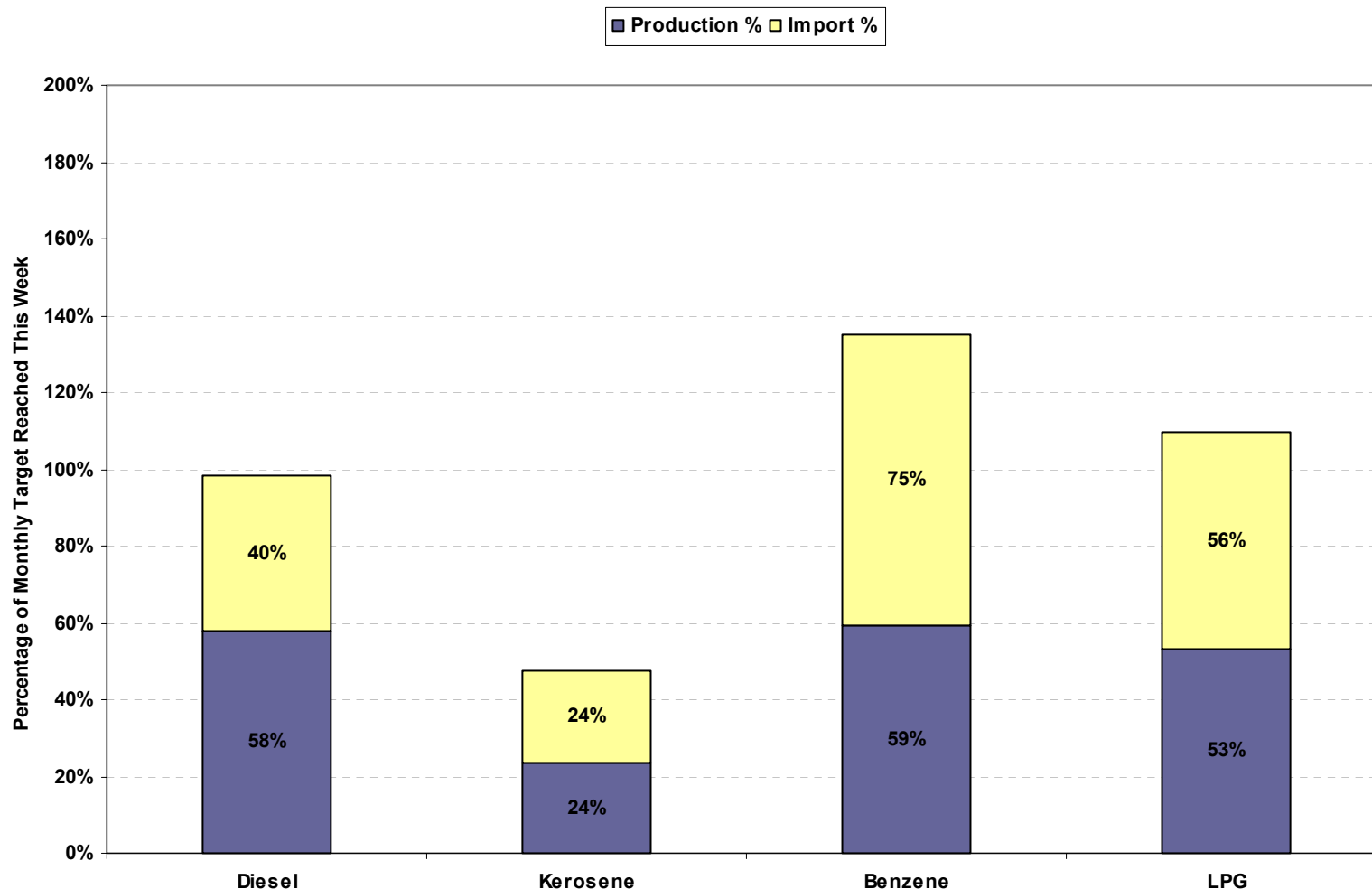
[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy – Crude Oil Export



- 2003 Revenue: \$5,076.6M
- 2004 Revenue: \$17,012.3M
- 2005 Revenue: \$1,982.6M



[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy – Refined Products

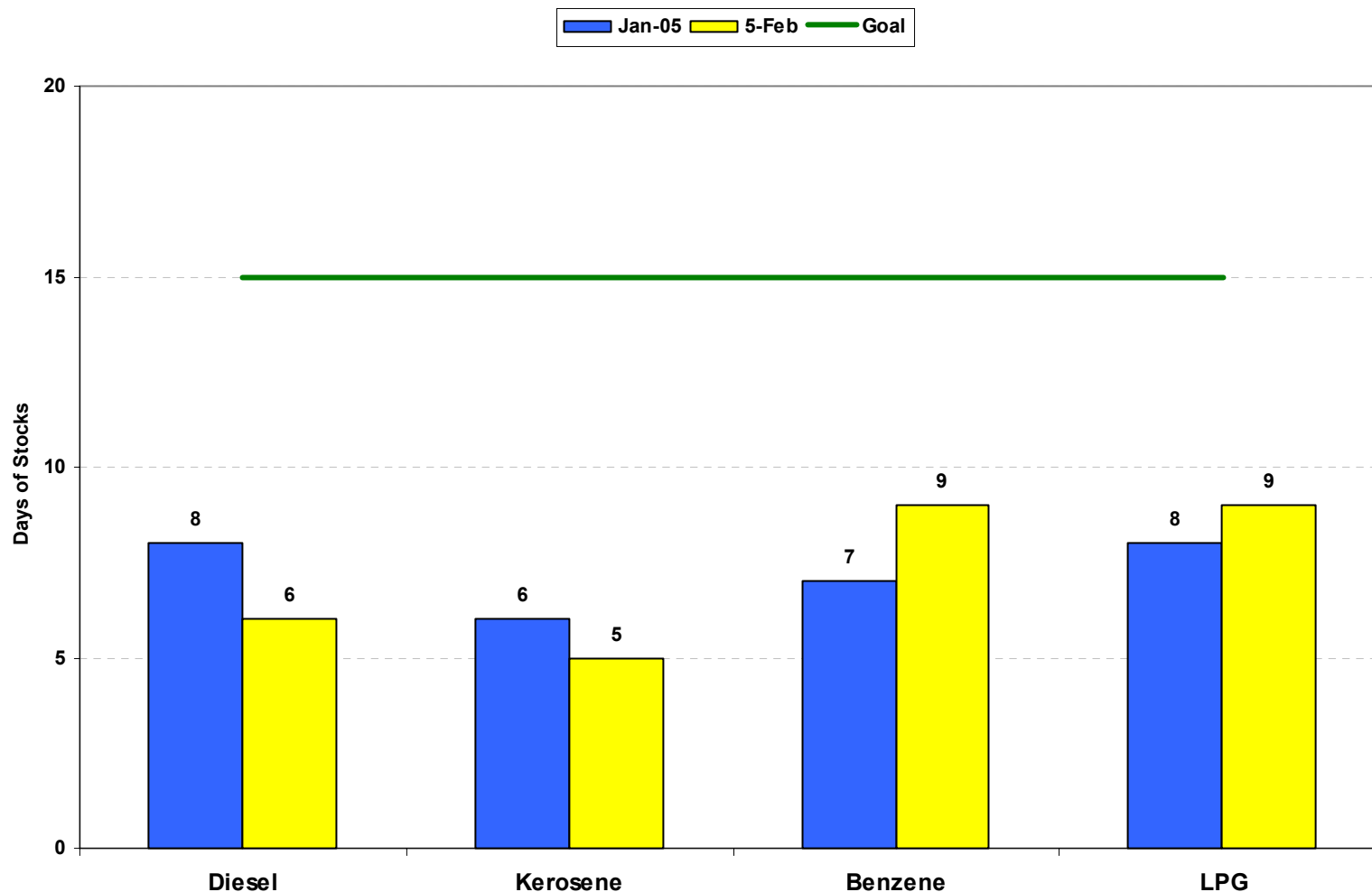


Note: This chart represents the average percentage of daily target reached for the week of February 7-13

- Diesel: 17.2 ML of 17.5 ML
- Kerosene: 9.2 ML of 19.5 ML
- Benzene: 24.3 ML of 18 ML
- LPG: 4,712 tons of 4,300 tons



[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy – National Stock Levels



- The goal is for all refined products to be over 15 days worth of stocks at maximum consumption rates and does not represent seasonal change. The numbers given above are monthly averages.



[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy – IRRF I & II Financials

Financial Status-IRRF I & II			Committed		Obligated		Disbursed	
Sector	2207 Report	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Last Week	Current	Last Week	Current
Security and Law Enforcement	5045	5045	4502	4602	3442	3508	1458	1507
Electricity Sector	4369	4077	3485	3480	2699	2717	732	770
Oil Infrastructure	1701	1701	1439	1436	935	936	139	156
Justice, Public Safety, and Civil Society	1120	1120	946	958	672	687	154	169
-Democracy	832	832	751	751	661	661	208	216
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	379	379	248	252	220	223	61	61
Roads, Bridges, and Construction	359	355	283	273	184	178	37	37
Health Care	786	786	735	682	497	457	36	36
Transportation and Communications	513	513	462	457	323	323	34	36
Water Resources and Sanitation	2279	1770	1307	1302	898	907	54	54
Private Sector Development	843	835	402	803	357	710	74	426
Admin Expense (USAID, State)	213	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
IRRF II SUBTOTAL	18439	17442	14589	15025	10917	11336	3016	3497
IRRF II CONSTRUCTION	11306	10378	8762	8782	6513	6538	1522	1570
IRRF II NON-CONSTRUCTION	6301	6232	5076	5492	3743	4137	1286	1711
IRRF II DEMOCRACY	832	832	751	751	661	661	208	216
IRRF I SUBTOTAL	2475	2475	2475	2475	2475	2475	2017	2150
GRAND TOTAL IRRF I & II	20914	19917	17064	17500	13392	13810	5033	5647



[5.0] Establish Good Governance, Rule of Law – Refugees, Democracy and Human Rights

Local Governance Programs:

- The South Central Local Governance Program (LGP) team recently completed a three-day training course for 14 council members from the Jassan Subdistrict Council on writing bylaws. Course topics included a brief history of Iraqi administrative systems, an introduction to legislation, council structure, and advice on how to organize and structure relations with local councils.
- LGP staff continued to work with the Basrah education directorate to produce a monthly payroll database for their 24,000 employees. The January 2005 payroll was the third consecutive month the directorate was able to produce the payroll with only limited technical assistance from LGP staff.

[5.0] Establish Good Governance, Rule of Law – Refugees, Democracy and Human Rights



Local Governance Programs (cont'd):

- UNICEF's distribution of water continued in Fallujah where about 67,000 Internally Displaced Persons were provided with 10.7 million litres of drinking water. A desk review is currently ongoing to assess water tankering activities. The recommendations of the review will help strengthen this component.
- Half of a \$36.7 million USAID grant to UNICEF for health and water and sanitation programs is being used to support water supply and sanitation improvement projects throughout Iraq. As a result of these programs, vulnerable populations are gaining access to potable water and improved sanitation is helping to decrease the incidence of waterborne diseases, thus improving public health throughout the country.



[5.0] Establish Good Governance, Rule of Law – Rule of Law

Rule of Law:

- The Iraqi Special Tribunal (IST) Rules of Procedural Evidence were formally passed by the Court this week. English translations of these rules soon will be available.
- This weekend, the IST will post a website – www.iraqispecialtribunal.gov – for the dissemination of information about the IST.



[6.0] Maintain Int'l Engagement & Support – **Developments**

- UN Secretary General Kofi Annan congratulated Iraqis on a successful election, saying they “reflect not only the courage and determination of the Iraqi people, but also their commitment to the political transition process that their country is undergoing.”
- The UN Security Council issued a Presidential Statement noting: “The Security Council congratulates the people of Iraq on the successful elections of 30 January 2005. These elections represent a historic moment for Iraq and a positive step in its political transition.”
- Pending a request from the ITG for assistance, United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) has begun reviewing staffing and organizational requirements to provide technical advice on the drafting of a constitution.
- A French government spokesman stated that “these elections mark an important step in the political reconstruction of Iraq.” France has also indicated its readiness to train Iraqi gendarmes in Qatar.



[6.0] Maintain Int'l Engagement & Support – **Stability Contributors**

27 Countries with forces in Iraq (in addition to US)

Albania	El Salvador	Latvia	Poland
Armenia	Estonia	Lithuania	Portugal
Australia	Georgia	Macedonia	Romania
Azerbaijan	Italy	Moldova	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Japan	Mongolia	Ukraine
Czech Rep	Kazakhstan	Netherlands	UK
Denmark	Korea	Norway	

*Note: Fiji participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq

TOTAL ~ 25,000 Forces

28 Countries and NATO
(including US)
Support Iraqi Stability Operations



Iraq Weekly Status – General Information

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